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**2 page Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; 1 page Form PTO 1449; copy of 1 reference; VAS transmittal; and postcard**
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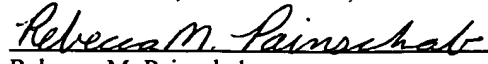
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant submits herewith patents, publications or other information of which he is aware, and which he believes may be material to the examination of this application.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" to the invention of the above-identified application, unless specifically designated as such.

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A copy of each of the items listed on accompanying Form PTO 1449 (Modified) is supplied herewith.

No item of information submitted herewith was known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3), 1.98(c) and MPEP 609, an English abstract of a foreign language document is provided as follows:

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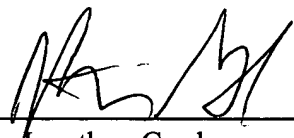


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